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Bowling team wins first tournament

By Whitney Harris
Editor in Chief

The Lady Panthers bowling team brought home the first place trophy after a clean sweep in the Le Tiger Classic Bowling Tournament hosted by Texas Southern University Nov. 13 and 14 in Houston.

Coach Glenn White said, "This was by far the most dominating performance for our bowling team since I've been here and by most teams in general. These young ladies performed at a high level from beginning to end in this tournament and I can't be more proud of them as I am right now. This was the result of a lot of hard work in practice and a re-commitment by the team to maximize their talents to the highest level possible."

Freshman Cynthia Veney received most valuable player after finishing with a 201 pin average for five games. PVAMU also placed four of the five members on the all-tournament team. Along with Veney were team captain and junior Kristina Sadler with a 196.4 pin average and co-captain and sophomore Lejewelia Lewis with a 192.4 pin average. Dawson also earned second high series with 256 pins and second place high series with a total pin count of 633.

"I kept my thoughts together and focused on my game," said Veney. "I thrived on my teammates' positive attitude."

During the first day of the tournament, the Lady Panthers beat Jackson State, Texas Southern, Grambling State and Louisiana Tech. The Lady Panthers bowled two games with a total pin count of more than 1,000 pins.

PVAMU struggled against the Lady Bulldogs and Steven F. Austin during the tournament, barely beating both teams.



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Courtesy of Terry Veney

We are the champions: (left) The Lady Panthers bowling team pose with its first place trophy after winning the Le Tiger Classic in Houston last weekend and (right) Cynthia Veney holds her MVP trophy after the tournament.

"We had to pump ourselves up to beat SFA. We really had to push ourselves and motivate ourselves just to get through it and keep the title," said Phebe Jackson, a senior business management major.

During the match against Louisiana Tech, the Panther bowlers pulled off a victory after coming from behind. Lewis and Veney closed the game with strikes and spares to win the game. Sadler said they were down by 30

or so pins but kept the mentality of needing to win.

"By having a positive mentality, we changed the entire outcome. We just won, we pulled it out," said Sadler.

Jackson said that placing seventh in their last tournament encouraged them to do their best during Saturday's competition. She said that they decided to start over like a brand new team in a new season.

"We were more together as a team, we learned from our mistakes and we pulled it through," said Sadler. "We were consistently strong."

According to Dawson, this was the team's first time earning a first place win for the tournament.

"I hope we do the best that we can for the rest of the year and bring back some more first place trophies," Jackson said.

Athletics program wants fee increase

Students set to vote on referendum Thursday



By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

Help me understand: Students fill the A.I. Thomas auditorium Monday to learn more about the referendum.

By Jordan Johnson
Panther Staff

It was a full house as Panthers filled the A.I. Thomas building's auditorium to discuss the proposal to increase the athletic fee Monday night.

There waited a small panel of head coaches to answer any questions students may have had.

As it stands, the current athletic fee per student is \$10 per semester hour. With the increase, the fee will be raised to \$12.60 per

semester hour.

No student will pay more than \$150 per semester with a cap set at that amount.

It was made clear that the money would not go toward a new stadium, but will be used for the recruiting process, athletic equipment, facilities, traveling, hotels and coaches' salaries.

Anita Anderson, director of auxiliary support services, was the main speaker filling in for Fred Washington, head athletic director, who was absent due to military duty.

Anderson stressed to non student athletes that "it may not be a direct benefit to the students, but any time your school has a superb athletic program, your school receives positive recognition, and whenever that happens it benefits you."

Teri Wilkerson, a junior education major, asked a question concerning the distribution of the money to the other sports seeing how the highest recipient of funds would be the football program.

Glenn White, head coach of the bowling team, assured students that when it comes to funding, each sport will receive all the necessary equipment and money to succeed.

Jay Bluford, a senior political science major, said, "I would like to see better weight lifting equipment in our facilities."

Panthers visit SWAC championship

Football looks to win first title in 40 years

By Lionel Mosby Jr.
Sports Editor

With two games remaining on the Panthers 2009 football schedule, one win stood in the way of Prairie View participating in the annual SWAC Championship game. Fortunately for the Panthers, the celebration came sooner than later. With their 34-14 win over Alcorn State on Nov. 14, the Prairie View Panthers clinched their first ever berth in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship game.

The game will be held on Dec. 12, in Birmingham, Ala. against a representative from the SWAC's Eastern division. The date will mark the first time in championship game history that the Prairie View football program will compete for the SWAC crown.

The championship game was introduced in 1999 after the conference was broken up into two divisions, western and eastern. It has always been held in Birmingham at Legion Field. Before then, the conference crown traditionally went to the team with the best overall conference record. Since its inception, Grambling State has dominated the western division and participated in the event six times while grabbing five wins. Alabama A&M has won the eastern division the most times in the short 10 year span of the game, but has won

just once in 2006.

Now, the Panthers have returned to their glory days and have resurrected the character of old championship caliber teams from the '50s and '60s. During these two decades, the Panthers won a total of eight SWAC titles and also reigned as National Black College Champions four times. The last SWAC and Black National title came after a 9-0 record under the leadership of head coach William J. "Billy" Nicks in 1964.

Under the current regime of head coach Henry Frazier III, PVAMU has steadily improved their performance, while keeping their mindset on one day becoming SWAC champions.

Each year the team has held on to a mantra to keep them going. This year that mantra will be a slug fest to the very end. The mindset was in full display on the turf against Texas Southern, in the rain against Grambling, and will still be present on Dec. 12, when the Panthers face their last hurdle.

Currently, the Panthers are ranked 20th in the latest Sports Network FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) Poll and they are ranked second in the Sheridan Broadcast Network Black College Football Poll.

Their FCS ranking is the highest in the history of the program.

The Panthers final regular season game will be held at Blackshear Stadium at 2 p.m. as Prairie View plays host to UAPB.



Courtesy of Richard White

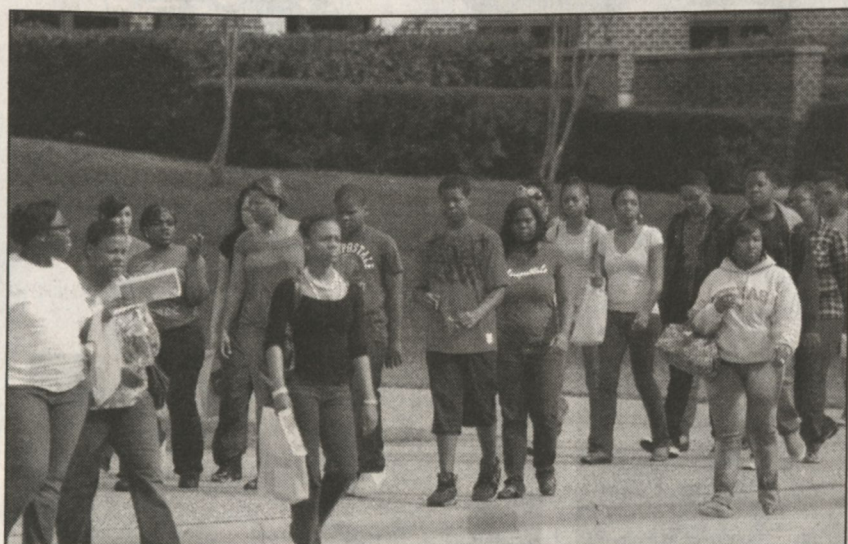
We ready: (left to right) Austin Nwokobia and Gabriel Osaze-Ediae show excitement as Calvin Harris carries their "championship" belt.

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Over 2,500 visit university for Pantherland Day



By Bradford Traywick, The Panther

Roaming the yard: Prospective students tour PVAMU grounds.

By Aurielle Granger
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University welcomed prospective students and parents to discover what the campus had to offer during Pantherland Day on Nov. 16.

Pamela Owens-Freeman, assistant director of recruitment and marketing, said, "Pantherland

Day is to introduce prospective students and parents to the university and introduce them to the heritage and traditions of Prairie View in a snap shot."

An estimated 2,900 high school and transfer students registered to walk the historical grounds of Prairie View and take on the experiences that Pantherland Day had to offer.

Acting ladylike

By Aaron Jacobs
Business Manager

In her second appearance Alyssa Rhodes, second attendant to Miss Prairie View A&M University, expounded on how a lady expresses herself through her actions.

Hosted by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. on Nov. 11, the guest speaker spoke to a much larger audience.

Michael Bradham, a sophomore architecture major, said that "the seminar was very interesting from a male perspective. I never knew how a woman is supposed to think, and I learned about being a gentleman."

Many of the men in the audience posed questions to Rhodes about how a lady would react to certain situations. Topics ranged from "should a man not call a lady who he is interested in past a certain hour," to "should a lady court a man. But the general consensus was that a lady never puts a man in a position where he doesn't feel that he can't be a man.

The topic of who will pay for tabs came up and Rhodes stated that a lady should offer to help pay for the bill but if the man says that he will pay for it alone then no argument should ensue.

NABJ hosts media conference

By Dana Polk
Panther Contributor

The Prairie View A&M University chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists hosted its second annual media conference in the student lounge of the Willie Albert Tempton Sr. Memorial Student Center on Nov. 11.

This year the conference was titled "It's Not What You Know but Who You Know, So Get in the Know with a Media Pro."

"This year we had a panel of powerful women giving us advice of the pros and cons of the industry," said Carlton Lockett, a junior mass communications major and NABJ

member.

The panelists featured Chief Event Planner Denice S. Pigott of Honey Crème Event Planning and Production, Celebrity Stylist and Fashion Editor Andrea Harrell, Regional Manager Kim Floyd of Rolling Out Magazine, Editor Jo-Carolyn Goode of Houston Style magazine, Radio Director Sheryl Granger-Brooks of KPVM campus radio station, Public Relations Specialist Kelley King for The Livewire Agency and author Micolle Williams.

The topics of the forum were "Getting started in the industry," "Being black and a woman in the media," "networking 101," "maintaining a successful career path."

The students got a chance to meet other students in their fields of interest and the PALS while they were given tours of the buildings, dorms, and the advantages of the University College.

Robin Caldwell, the mother of a prospective student, said, "Prairie View is nice. I like how the students are doing the tours and not the faculty... so far so good."

In the Willie A. Tempton Sr. Memorial Student Center Ballroom, organizations from across the university offered information for the students and parents to be aware of the different ways they can be involved in various activities on campus.

The activities ranged from things that would help them in their future endeavors, to activities would keep them busy during their free time outside of school work.

Bringing the day to a close, the Marching Storm, along with the Black Foxes showed the guests of PV just how the "The Marching Storm" really gets down followed by the PV Cheerleaders showing their spirit in the colors of purple and gold.

Going back to ATL

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

The Marching Storm's participation in the 2009 Honda Battle of the Bands was made official during the press conference that took place in front the Alvin I. Thomas Administration building on Nov. 13.

The press conference featured the band marching across the yard. Derrick Webber, of Webber Marketing and Consulting LLC., presented Band Director William McQueen and the band with a plaque which served as an official invitation to the event.

McQueen said, "This is our fourth year participating and we are honored and humbled to be representing the Prairie View community. We consider our participation in the Honda Battle of the Bands a tribute to the administrators, faculty, and the student body."

Webber said, "This program generates scholarship opportunities to HBCU marching bands, and that's our primary focus in giving back to the community and Honda's commitment towards HBCUs.

Historical markers set

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Prairie View A&M University will honor its fifth and sixth historical marker on Saturday, Nov. 21.

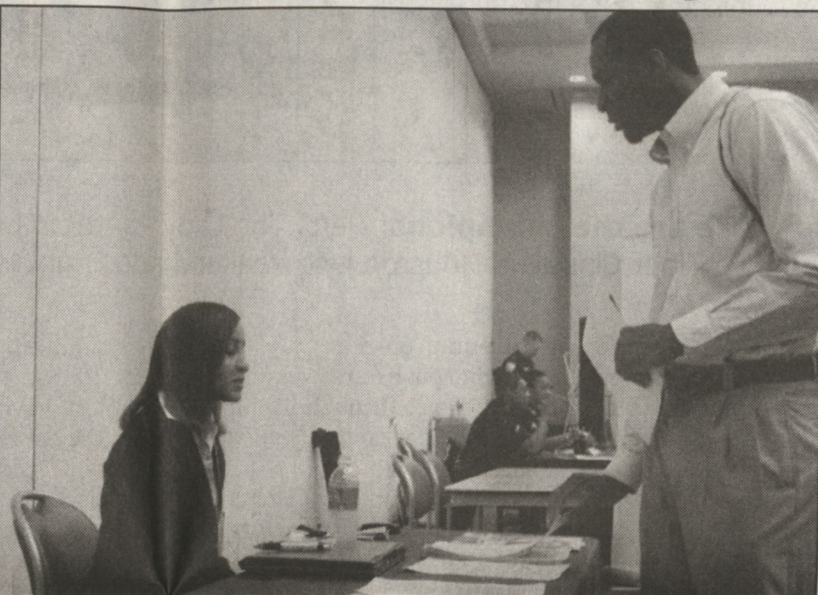
Both Holley Hall and Luckie Hall will be honored, by signs that will be posted, with brief information about each building's founder and history.

Founded in 1912, Luckie Hall was named in honor of late professor C.W. Luckie, who served as vice principal, treasurer, and an instructor of Latin and English. The 12,060 square foot building first served as a residential hall for males attending PVAMU.

First occupied in 1972, Holley Hall also served as a residential hall for male students. The \$3,022, 800 building was considered state of the art at the time it was constructed, consisting of four stories of rooms that were shared by three males, and suites that were shared by six. The center of Holley Hall featured a commons area, in which students had numerous places to study and do recreational activities.

Demolished in 1999, the facility was later replaced when PVAMU contracted with American Campus Communities and formed University College.

Law enforcement opportunities explored



By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

Exploring options: Students seeking careers in law enforcement visit tables and question recruiters.

By Justin Arrington
Panther Intern

The criminal justice department continued its quest to prepare students for the professional world of law enforcement Wednesday at the 6th annual criminal justice fair Nov. 11.

The event, hosted by Director of Career Services Glenda Jones and Coordinator of Criminal Justice Program Ronald Server was held on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

As the representatives from each field prepared to educate concerning their careers, students gathered in the auditorium dressed to impress.

The event consisted of a wide range of careers with representatives from Dallas, Bryan, and

Fort Bend County Sheriff and Police Departments, Federal Air Marshal Service, as well as the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security.

Server says, "This event is to get students' careers, and help students set goals for the future. It gives them a chance to talk to people who have experience working in the field."

Some 500 students each year attend the fair in hopes of gaining internships and employment upon graduation.

The U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security was in attendance among others. Starting salaries range from \$30,000 to \$45,000 a year.

The Diplomatic Security Special Agents conduct investigations, protect diplomats, and provide security to U.S. embassies overseas.

Mr. PVAMU seminar challenges black males

By Sean Ealum
Panther Intern

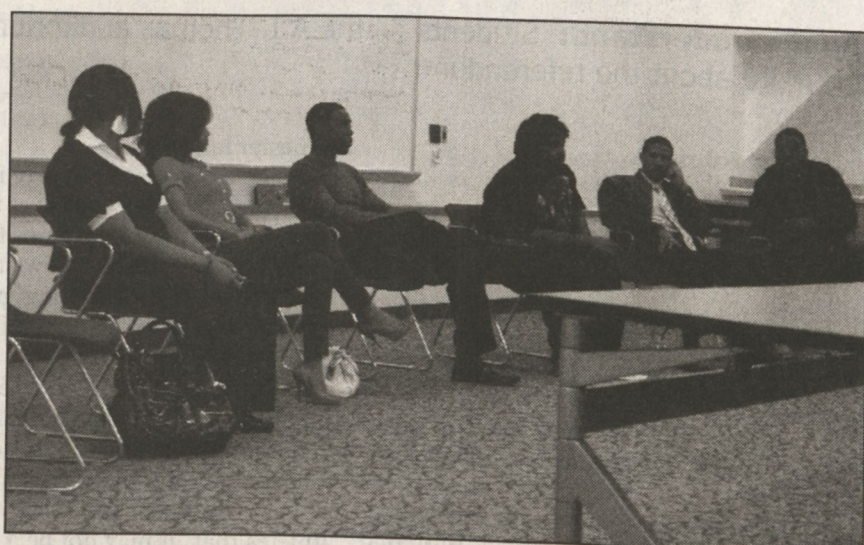
Mr. Prairie View A&M University Michael Love, hosted a seminar titled "Brotha, What are we Doin'?" in the new science building on Nov. 10.

The seminar was held to focus on the issues regarding not only males here on campus, but African-American males in general. African-Americans are often the topic of controversies and this seminar was focused on discussing them.

The topics in the seminar ranged from broken households, views on women, education, relationships and the media. The panel consisted of students Terri Mason, Teri Wilkerson, Paul Chaney, Harrell Washington along with psychology professor Dr. Derek Wilson. Each of the panelists gave their opinions and views on each issue as well as answered questions from the audience.

Media and the image they project of African-Americans was the first topic discussed.

Wilson said, "The media have had an impact on our behavior. The problem I see with the me-



By Ryan Versey, The Panther

Real Talk: The panelists sit and discuss issues within the black community.

dia is that they think you can turn it on and off."

Washington added, "The things that I see portrayed in the media about black people are violence or someone going to jail."

The debate on whether education in the black community is a priority was asked of the panelists.

Considering the fact that HBCUs are outnumbered by predominantly white institutions, many of the panelists seemed to

agree that HBCUs are needed and helpful.

Love said, "The relevance of an HBCU is important. You won't see as many African-Americans at a predominantly white university as you would at an HBCU."

The seminar ended with Michael Love saying a few words to the audience, thanking those who showed up as well as the panelists. Students seemed to enjoy the seminar and the topics discussed.

PV DPS Blotter

Information obtained in this report has been reported to dispatch and officers responded to these calls.

Week of Sunday Nov. 8 to Saturday Nov. 14

Sunday, Nov. 8

□ No calls dispatched on this date.

Monday, Nov. 9

□ 1:20 a.m., Officers responded to fight at University College near Building 47 and 48. Three students were involved in a physical altercation. County citations were issued for Disorderly Conduct Fighting.

□ 6:55 p.m., Officers were dispatched to University Village Apartments Phase II Club House in reference to an assault on a Community Assistant. Student received an assault citation and was also issued a criminal trespass citation. Case was also referred to Judicial Services for review.

□ 7:15 p.m., Two university athletes came to the Information Center substation to report a theft. Personal items were stolen from their locker while in practice. A theft report was generated.

□ 8:15 p.m., Officers responded to University Village Apartments #1316 in reference to a criminal trespass. Subject was arrested on a criminal trespass notice. Alcohol was also seized from this location. One person taken to jail on a criminal trespass notice, public intoxication citation also issued.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

□ 1:50 p.m., Officer responded to an accident on T.R. Solomon. Five vehicles were involved in this accident. An accident report was completed.

□ 6:43 p.m., Officer responded to University Village North Apartment #3024 in reference to a broken window. Student reports that her friend may have broken out her room window. An information report was completed.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

□ 9:45 a.m., Officer conducted a traffic stop near the athletic complex and drugs were seized during the traffic stop. Student was arrested on narcotic charge. Monies were also seized during this incident.

□ 10:02 a.m., Officer responded to University Village Apartments #436 in reference to narcotics found by drug dog. An investigation led to an arrest of a university student for narcotics.

□ 3:30 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Lot #30 in reference to a criminal mischief. Student reports that someone let the air out of her tire. Officers assisted student in airing up tire.

□ 5:00 p.m., Officers responded to University Village Apartments #1413 in reference to damage to a vehicle. Student reports that someone hit her bumper and tail light. Duty Upon Striking Vehicle report was generated.

□ 9:30 p.m., Officers on foot patrol responded to an open door and a female yelling at University Village Apartment #1438. Further investigation led to an arrest of a male on an assault charge.

Thursday, Nov. 12

□ 3:31 p.m., Officer met with student who walked into the police department to report stolen keys. Information taken.

Friday, Nov. 13

□ 4:05 p.m., Officer conducted a follow up investigation at Hilliard Hall KPVM radio station in reference to stolen items. A supplemental report was generated.

Saturday, Nov. 14

□ 2:50 a.m., Officers responded to University Village Apartments #1324 in reference to a Burglary of a Habitation. Complainant reports that someone entered his room and stole items. A report was generated.



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Arrest at US Walmart leads to charges of racism

By Betsy Taylor
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS - Nearly three years after Heather Ellis switched checkout lines at a southeast Missouri store, and touched off what she calls a racially charged dispute with white customers and authorities, the young black schoolteacher faces a trial that could send her to prison for 15 years.

Witnesses have told authorities that Ellis cut in front of waiting customers at the Walmart in Kennett, Mo., on Jan. 6, 2007, shoved merchandise already placed on a conveyor belt out of the way, and became belligerent when confronted, according to court filings.

Ellis maintains she was merely joining her cousin, whose checkout line was moving more quickly. She claimed in a written complaint to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that she was then pushed by a white customer, hassled by store employees, called racial slurs and

physically mistreated by Kennett police officers.

Police say in court documents that Ellis refused requests to calm down and leave the property, allegedly kicking one's shin and splitting another's lip while resisting arrest. Her trial on charges of assaulting police officers, resisting arrest and disturbing the peace begins Wednesday in Dunklin County Circuit Court.

The Syracuse, and New York-based Your Black World Coalition is organizing a Monday rally in Kennett.

A college student in New Orleans at the time of her arrest, the 24-year-old Ellis now teaches in Louisiana, where she is engaged to a state trooper. She has said she feels trapped by "small-town politics" in Kennett, where her family lives.

"What a shame the system can destroy a young person's future like this because of bad cops," Ellis wrote to the NAACP in April.

The group subsequently held a rally in Kennett. Before the

June 13 event began, police officers found threatening letters the size of business cards scattered along the route that said the Ku Klux Klan had paid a visit and "the next visit will not be social."

Dunklin County Prosecutor Stephen Sokoloff said the cards were removed and the source was investigated but never discovered. He said he doubts the cards actually were from the KKK; he knows of no KKK presence in the area. A call to the KKK headquarters was not answered.

As for Ellis' allegations of mistreatment by law enforcement, Sokoloff said he's "seen absolutely no evidence of any kind, apart from her statements, that those things occurred." Kennett Police Chief Barry Tate did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Kennett is a town of roughly 11,000 residents, about 1,500 of them black. The police department also is predominantly white, but has actively worked to recruit more women and minorities, said long-

time resident Charles B. Brown, who served as mayor from 1991 to 2003.

"We're a small country town with greater problems than racism. Our problems are economic," Brown said.

Some community leaders fear the "big paint roller" being used by observers of Ellis' case has resulted in unfair portrayals of the town as prejudiced.

"They're searching their hearts and minds, and that's just not us," Brown said.

Sokoloff said he would have filed the same charges regardless of the races of those involved. Last week, he took himself off the case, telling the *Southeast Missourian* newspaper he hoped it would refocus attention on the facts. A special prosecutor from Cape Girardeau County was appointed.

Ellis and her lawyers, Scott Rosenblum and T. J. Hunsaker in St. Louis, declined to comment on the specifics of the case. She has previously rejected plea deals. "Why would you plea bargain if you're in-

nocent?" said Ellis' father, the Rev. Nathaniel Ellis of Kennett.

Ellis' written account to the NAACP describes her and her cousin getting into separate checkout lanes before Ellis switched into the faster-moving line. The woman behind them had placed items on the conveyor belt, and Ellis alleged the woman pushed her when she tried to put her own items down.

Witnesses instead told police that Ellis shoved the woman's merchandise back, according to court filings.

Ellis wrote a security officer and manager were called over and that although Ellis said she wanted to pay, the manager yelled at her to leave the store. Police were called and arrived.

Officers followed her to the parking lot, she said, using racial slurs and telling her to go back to the ghetto. As her aunt and uncle drove into the parking lot, Ellis said, the officers "jumped" on her even though she said she was not resisting.

Air Force nurse on trial for killing three patients

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO - Attorneys for a former Air Force nurse charged with killing three elderly patients by giving them lethal doses of medication say it would be negligent to undertreat pain for the terminally sick in their final days.

Capt. Michael Fontana faces three counts of murder at his military court martial that was set to begin Monday at Lackland Air Force Base.

Jury selection was delayed Monday while lawyers discussed discovery, and it was not immediately clear when the trial would begin.

Fontana is accused of knowingly giving deadly amounts of painkillers to three civilian patients placed on do-not-resuscitate orders last year at Wilford Hall Medical Center, the Air Force's largest hospital.

His attorneys say Fontana was a competent and caring nurse who comforted the ailing.

"It is recognized in end-of-life care that death is expected with

this patient population and may coincide with medication administration simply due to the type and amount of medication that may be required to alleviate pain and anxiety for a particular patient," attorney Elizabeth Higginbotham wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. She said Fontana will plead not guilty.

Higginbotham, one of Fontana's civilian attorneys, said her client "functioned in accordance with his duty to utilize professional nursing judgment" while treating end-of-life patients.

Last spring at an Article 32 hearing - the military equivalent to a civilian grand jury - Fontana's co-workers and medical experts indicated it was unlikely anyone with medical training would not understand the fatal risks of dispensing such high doses.

One of the alleged victims, a 74-year-old stroke patient, died after receiving 70 milligrams of morphine in a span of 70 minutes, a quantity doctors testified was very dangerous.

Another alleged victim was given a one-time push of 50 milligrams of morphine.

Sarah Palin's memoir a mostly tame affair

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press Writer

"Going Rogue: An American Life" (HarperCollins, 413 pages, \$28.99), by Sarah Palin: There should be a feeling of palpable glee running through Sarah Palin's memoir: Now, finally, she gets to talk, unfiltered and unedited.

This is, after all, a politician convinced that the media twists her words, who says she's been parodied and mocked by establishment elites, and who complains she was muzzled by her own party.

"Going Rogue: An American Life" offers her a chance to answer back, without pesky interference from the likes of Katie Couric or Republican handlers. It is, to steal Nancy Reagan's memoir title, "My Turn."

So why is there so little bloodletting, why no mustn't-miss gory bits? Her book, written with an assist from Lynn Vincent, is less the revealing autobiography of a straight-shooting maverick and more a lengthy campaign speech - more lipstick, less pit bull.

The book can be roughly divided into two halves - the years

before she was asked to join John McCain's ticket and the time since. The second half is the more lively: It's got her take on the designer clothes embarrassment; the vice presidential debate with Joe Biden; and the "campaign professionals" she blames for losing the White House.

From the beginning, Palin seems determined to prove she has always been maverick-y and never a mental lightweight. She says her nose was always in a book while growing up and the first big word she learned to spell was "different."

She casually mentions that Mount McKinley rises to 20,320 feet (6,194 meters), and she quotes Plato, Thomas Paine, Lou Holtz, Pearl S. Buck, Thomas Sowell and Mark Twain. She says she was riveted by Watergate at age 10.

Her five children make adorable cameos and her husband Todd arrives with great promise - he "roared" into her life in a Mustang - but then largely disappears. He never becomes a flesh-and-blood man, only a remote repository of manly goodness. Ronald Reagan is more of a presence here, constantly evoked and cherished.

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College Spotlight

College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology

Programs

Bachelor of Science (BS):
Criminal Justice
Specialization in Juvenile Justice
Psychology

Masters of Science (MS)
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Juvenile Justice Forensic
Psychology

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Clinical Adolescent Psychology

The College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology and the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center are committed to excellence in education, training, prevention and service. By offering a diverse curriculum we train empiricists, educators and practitioners in juvenile justice and psychology. A primary aim is to assist with the understanding of human behavior and the reduction of juvenile crime in the State of Texas.

The goals of the College and Center are to:

- Strengthen the quality of the academic programs
- Improve the academic indicators of the student body
- Increase applied and basic research
- Promote programs that contribute to student success
- Increase and enhance the visibility and awareness of the university to the community.

The criminal justice pro-

gram is designed to produce proficient graduates who can excel in various aspects of the field in leadership, service, research and innovation. Criminal justice majors will have the benefit of an informed and caring faculty to challenge them in their preparation to meet the demands of today's workplace and the nation's most rigorous graduate programs.

The psychology curriculum is designed to prepare a pathway for students to enter their chosen area of psychology specialization. Students are closely advised to help them make knowledgeable decisions regarding their professional direction. Particular focus is placed on developing the student's research skills, and knowledge of physiological psychology. The rigorous nature of this program will assist students in graduate school admission and being nationally competitive in the workplace.

The Master of Science degree in Juvenile Forensic Psychology (MSJFP) Program seeks a diverse group of qualified students with backgrounds in various disciplines committed to working in agencies to improving the life experiences of youths involved in the Juvenile Justice System or mental health facilities.

The MSJFP Program requires the completion of 36 semester credit hours. Two options are available for students: thesis and externship. The thesis option is designed for students interested in research and a Ph.D. The externship option is designed for students who desire to work in the field of forensic psychology. Students enrolled on a full-time basis can complete the program in two years.

The Master of Science degree in Juvenile Justice (MSJJ) Program seeks a diverse group of qualified students with backgrounds

in various disciplines committed to improving the life experiences of youths involved in the Juvenile Justice System.

The educational and training philosophy explicitly emphasize the scientist/practitioner model at the doctoral level accordingly. The faculty have designed course work, clinical practical, and other educational experiences to give students broad exposure to theoretical models, clinical skills, and professional roles that prepare students for current and future practice of psychology.

The curriculum is organized around competency areas fundamental to the practice of psychology: theories, relationship, assessment, intervention, basic science, research and evaluation. Attention to issues of cultural and individual diversity are an integral part of this curriculum and students will learn it's importance.

Programs

Bachelor of Science (BS):
Architecture
Construction Science

Master of Science (MS):
Architecture
Community Development

The School of Architecture, located in Prairie View, Texas, which is forty-three miles northwest of Houston, combines teaching, research and service to proactively develop the discipline of creative and innovative problem solving to address the needs of our society.

Graduates of the School of Architecture will participate in the contemporary milieu, encourage, anticipate and respond to changes in the local, national and international communities.

The School of Architecture with programs in Architecture, Construction Science and Community Development and Art are dedicated to accomplishing their mission through graduates for excellence in teaching, research and service by preparing graduates for leader-

ship roles in rebuilding America's cities and improving the quality of the built environment. By offering a diverse curriculum led by an accomplished faculty in a comprehensive studio and classroom environment, the School of Architecture programs will educate students for significant roles as practitioners, developers and leaders in architecture, construction, community planning and community development. Students in the programs of the school will be challenged to develop their abilities in problem solving, creative thinking and informed decision making as a focus of their professional education.

They will accomplish this in a nurturing and student centered environment that fosters personal development and professional ex-

cellence.

The location of the School of Architecture near the city of Houston offers an opportunity for students to enrich their learning experience through access to the greater architectural and construction community of the region and the many employment opportunities in the field.

Students majoring in architecture or construction science will be challenged to develop their abilities in problem solving, creative thinking and informed decision making as a focus of their education. They will accomplish this in a well protected and student centered environment that fosters personal development and professional excellence. The school offers an opportunity for students to enrich

their learning experience through access to the greater architectural and construction community of the region and to many employment opportunities in the fields.

The School of Architecture offers the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree and the Master of Architecture professional degree; the Bachelor of Science in Construction Science and the Master of Community Development. The Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree is a pre-professional degree with two options: Program A, the professional option, leads directly to the Master of Architecture professional degree. Program B, the non-professional option, provides a basic education in architecture with opportunities to study a range of electives.

Programs

Bachelor of Science (BSN):
Nursing
Basic Program
LVN-BSN Program
Rn-BSN Program

Master of Science (MSN):
Family Nursing Practitioner
Nursing Administration
Nursing Education

The College of Nursing has produced many distinguished graduates who have received local, regional, and national recognition for their accomplishments as professional nurses. The exemplary performance of Prairie View A&M College of Nursing graduates has earned them positions in many capacities to include staff nurses, inventors, occupational health nurses, researchers, tenured professors, schools of nursing administrators, entrepreneurs, and CEOs of major companies, to name a few. For example, the first male graduate of Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing developed and patented the "3C Tracheotomy and Nasal Suctioning Kit" which is used in medical centers throughout the nation and other countries. Another graduate was the first nurse to

serve as President and CEO of one of the largest county hospital districts in the South. Still other graduates have served as directors of school health and city health departments. The current president of the National Black Nurses Association is a graduate of Prairie View A&M College of Nursing.

The BSN program is a four and a half year program which prepares individuals who can practice professional nursing in a variety of clinical settings, and who are prepared to continue their education through graduate studies. The upper division clinical studies component of the nursing program is based on prerequisite courses at the lower division, which may be completed at the main campus of Prairie View A&M University or transferred from

another accredited college or university. A student seeking to declare pre-nursing as a major must be admitted into the university as defined in the university catalog. Licensed nurses can continue their education to achieve the BSN degree through the distance education program, offered at four sites: Houston, The Woodlands, College Station and Huntsville, Texas. These nurses have access to the program in their own communities and upon completion are eligible for graduation.

The Master's of Science in Nursing degree program builds upon baccalaureate nursing education and can be obtained in the following areas: Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Education, and Nurse Administration. Students have opportunities to practice us-

ing the latest health care research and technology. The Family Nurse Practitioner program's curriculum is designed to prepare graduates as advanced practice nurses to deliver primary health care and services to individuals, families, groups, and communities. The Nurse Administration concentration provides nurses with a baccalaureate degree who are currently employed in management or administrative positions in health care agencies with preparation to work in a variety of leadership and managerial positions in the health care system. The Nurse Education program provides the baccalaureate nurse with the preparation to assume roles as an educator in academia, health care, and the community.

Study now so you don't get stressed out later

By Aaron Jacobs
Business Manager

As things come down to the wire in most of your classes take time out to not get stressed over these final weeks. If they haven't been started on already start working on any final projects every day so that the stress doesn't mount up and overwhelm you.

If you are struggling in any classes talk to the professors now before it's too late. Ask for any possible extra assignments. The key to overcoming stress is a structured plan of action.

Although the mounting pressure may be impossible to fully overcome, if a well thought out plan is followed through at least all projects and assignments can be completed without trying to do them all at once the night before they are due.

In this well thought out plan that you make for yourself make sure to schedule in time for social activities. It's all about balance. Make sure that you get that in before finals week. Take full advantage of the Thanksgiving break to relax

and get in some good quality family time.

After preparation, it is also important to get enough sleep before taking any exams. Although you may read all the chapters in a book you will have a hard time recalling them all if you are operating on less than a full battery.

Along with getting enough sleep is eating enough food with enough nutrients. Plenty of protein and fiber for the brain and energy are important to have. Stay away from the junk food and go for some fruit. Your body will thank you.

We are past the point of no return now. If you didn't drop that class it is far too late now. So prepare to get down in those books and learn what you need to pass.

To make studying easier get into a class study group so that the students who are doing well in the class might be able to teach you how to really do the work. There's no reason why the work load has to solely rest upon your shoulders. Class is a team activity except for when it comes to taking exams. The more practice you have with explaining your class work with other

classmates, the better understanding over the material you will have.

Also do not let a relationship crisis come between you and your study time. Although you may

become heart broken, the price you paid for tuition should be greater than the cost of being sad for a little while. An A added to a GPA can translate into thousands down the

road.

If things get really bad, it's only school. You won't be killed if you fail. Just use any failure as a learning experience.

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LET'S DO BETTER



Panthers, let's do better. In my last editorial, I suggested that I was the reason the football team has

been so successful with their seasons lately. I didn't think that I needed a disclaimer stating that it was a joke, but obviously I ruffled some feathers. I'm not basic; I do know that I am not out there practicing everyday and banging up my body during games, so of course, the credit goes to the team. However, is it that serious? Did I really even need to write that?

Recently, a complaint was made against the staff and the questions chosen to be used for 20 Questions. The real issue seemed to be that the factual news coverage on the event was not made as "important" as the comments splattered in the gossip corner, and that the news story was not long enough and did not include pictures. Fellow Panthers, not everyone can get a picture in the paper. Why view the situation as a negative one? Yes, 20 Questions is a bit messy, but those submissions come from the student body. Please readers, notice the disclaimer that says "these are not the views of *The Panther*." It is just for entertainment. Make sure you check yourselves too, and check that it is not solely a problem when you are targeted and pure comedy when it is someone else's misfortune. That's not very nice or fair.

My point is that I think the entire university is failing at being positive and optimistic. If statements are made that do not apply to you, press on. We are adults; things shouldn't be taken so personally. We need to strive now more than ever to be united as one. There are forces against us as an entire institution, and we cannot break apart and turn against each other. Try saying "hi" to a stranger and not frowning if they speak to you. There is no camaraderie here. Let's be better, let's want better.

Like I've said before, I welcome all letters to the editor and viewpoints on concerns you may have as students. If you are unhappy with *The Panther*, TELL US! We publish the paper every week in hopes of pleasing you.

Our contact information is panther@pvamu.edu and (936) 261-1353. Have a blessed holiday!

Whitney Harris
Editor in Chief

What is black nationalism?

By definition, black nationalism means, "a social and political movement advocating the separation of blacks from whites and self-government for black people."

However, I believe the meaning is meant more for the black society to be strong in their cultural, political and social identity. There were many people who remained closely knit with themselves and their surroundings back then but now, many people teeter back and forth with what it even means to be black. This is something that I think we, as black students of a HBCU, should work on.

Back in my mom's day, there was a healthy amount of black individuals who knew what it meant to be "black in America". Not only was there a strong background of Christianity for blacks to rely on, there were also many forms of demeaning tactics, such as not being allowed to vote, groups, like the Ku Klux Klan and situations like lynchings that caused blacks to have to stick together and bring each other up.

It seems as though with the beginning of desegregation, it has been increasingly difficult for blacks to discern whether or not whites are for or against the empowerment of black people. With each passing generation, there has been an increase in an attempt on blacks to assimilate to the white race. The blatant discrimination dwindled down and it seemed as though whites were either becoming more accepting of us

or internalizing their true feelings of hate.

It is easier for some whites to accept blacks if they look foolish or they are in a position of catering to them. A good example is Lil Wayne and Oprah. Lil Wayne is one of the most foolish rappers out and Oprah loves catering to her white audiences. But if white people are demanding the product that Wayne and Oprah are putting out there, doesn't that mean that blacks have come far? No, that simply means that they, in a way, sold out their race. Instead of providing a positive image for our youth to look at, which Wayne seems to fail at, and fix the problems of blacks, which Oprah can't seem to get right, they have caused the black community to fall backward a few steps culturally.

To put it simply, the black community is lacking black nationalism. It's not so much that we need to separate ourselves from whites, but that we need to work on knowing more about our culture here in America. Not just about slavery or how hard black people had it. There needs to be more details of why things happened, not just that they happened. Black people also need to start to look out for one another more and help bring our people up. If we can empower our people through positive images and teachings, we could at least live up to the "knowing our identity" part of black nationalism.

Christine Williams

Problems with Palin?

Sarah Palin, the former Republican vice presidential candidate for the 2008 election, has released a memoir titled "Going Rogue." The book covers a wide variety of issues such as the local problems in Alaska and even the mistreatment she received from the McCain camp during the recent campaign.

Regardless of the criticism she has received, Palin has continued to have strong media presence, and despite her resignation as governor of Alaska, she continues to have a strong political voice that is consistently drawing new followers. This writer wonders however, what is the real problem with Palin? If she is so bad, why are people constantly responding to her?

I think that it is time that Palin is reexamined. Palin is one politician who truly personifies the bulk of middle class America. One gripe about Palin is her scattered resume. She didn't graduate from Harvard or Yale Law schools. Her college career is more scattered than ants at a picnic. But, how is that unlike regular Americans? More and more Americans are taking longer to graduate from college. Just think of how many fifth or maybe sixth year seniors we have here at Prairie View. Do they know less than those who graduate in four years? Are they

dumber than their counterparts who graduated a year earlier? What about transfer students? Is it wrong to decide to continue your education at a different university? I would argue that there is nothing wrong with it. Her oldest daughter is a teenage mother. Her oldest son enlisted in the military. As the list goes on, she sounds more and more like a regular American.

People complain that she is a horrible public speaker. OK, so are half the people on campus, but does that mean that they are incapable of leading other regular Americans? I would argue that it doesn't. Who better to really represent me, than someone who is just like me?

Sarah Palin, just like any other politician, should be judged on her ideas and ideals. If we really sit down and try to understand where she is coming from, we might be pleasantly surprised. What's the problem with Palin? Nothing that can't be found with any other politician from Mike Huckabee to Barack Obama.

If we spent more time listening for the truth, instead of listening to disagree, America would move toward a more positive place, no matter what the issue.

Brad Traywick

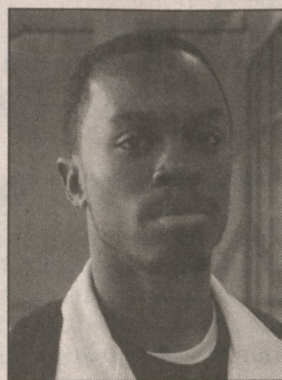
PURPLE & GOLD POLL

So how do you feel about the increase of the athletic fee? Do you think the students will see a difference?



"I didn't know about the increase of the athletic fee. If the rise in the athletic fee will be given back to the students in scholarships, that would be good."

Lauren Griggs
Freshman
Architecture



"I don't think there will be a difference with a higher athletic fee. There is no relationship between winning and money."

Jeremy C. H. Davis
Senior
Psychology

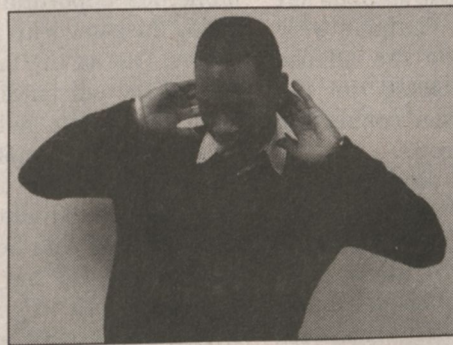


"I feel that with an increase in the athletic fee we will notice a difference with the quality of services we will receive. A lot of students are against the referendum, however, because a lot of us are on loans and scholarships. Our tuition may not cover this increase."

Sharnae Terry
Freshman
Education

By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

Staff Member of the Week



Perry Osborne-Johnson
Junior
Agriculture Economics

SGA Speak Out



Powell

Greetings, my fellow Panthers. On behalf of SGA and Young Democrats, I would like to thank everyone who came out to the athletic

fee forum Monday, Nov. 16. We had a great turnout and we are excited that students had the opportunity to be properly educated about the increase in the athletic fee. We would also like to thank all of the coaches and Ms. Phelps for taking the time out to address the students.

"Who ya rootin' for?" Spirit Week: "Who runs the yard" is here. Here is the schedule for the rest of the week.

Wednesday: Junior Day. Powder-puff football: Blackshear stadium at 7:11 p.m.

Thursday: Senior night. Basketball game at Baby Dome at 7 p.m.

DJ Mr. Rogers in the mix.

Friday: "ROAD TO SWAC PEP RALLY." 6-9 p.m. in the Baby Dome. DJ Chose in the mix.

SGA is proud to announce that we will be taking 500 students to the SWAC Championships. Information will be posted! We are holding a T-shirt designing contest for anyone interested in receiving a "free" ticket to the SWAC Championship. Please visit the SGA office for information on the contest or e-mail Shamelle Peyton at spayton1@pvamu.edu.

Our "GO Green" program is still in need of organizations or individuals to help out once a week. If you are interested, we ask that you please come and assist us. Feel free to stop by the SGA office or contact Kyle Maroney at tmaronie15@yahoo.com.

Student Responsibility of the Week:

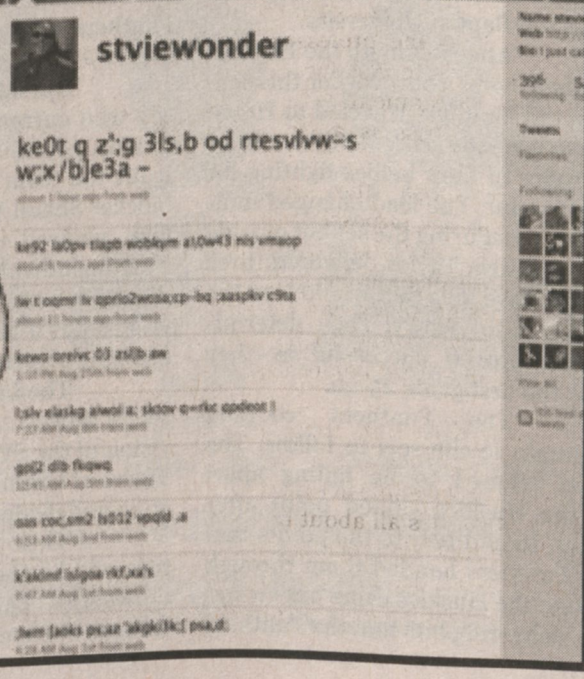
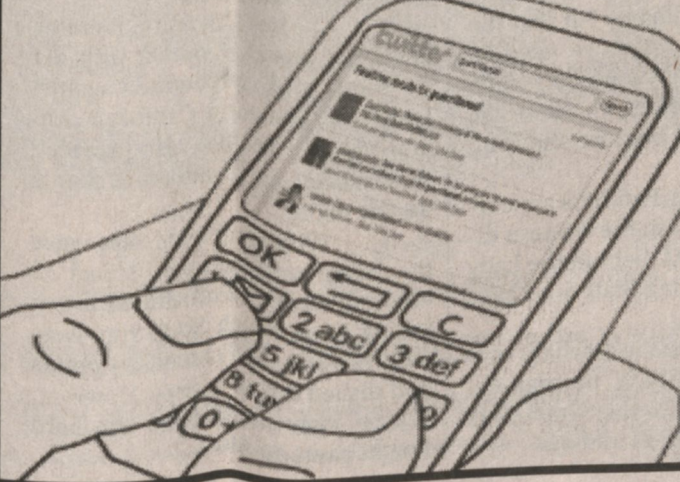
- A student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted with the published student guidelines, rules, and student conduct code and to comply with the regulations and the laws of Prairie View A&M University, the Texas A & M University System and the state and union.

Robert Powell

I Love College
By Robert Jordan III

Everybody Tweets...

@StvieWonder
Tweets



Braves no match for destined Panthers



Courtesy of Richard White

One Heart Beat: Prairie View A&M believes that they are destined for greatness, and have shown how bad they want to claim their prize as SWAC Champions.

Men's basketball gets first win of season, fall to Cincinnati

By Jeremy O. Malone
Panther Staff

Opening the game with a 15-3 run, it seemed that the tables had turned for the Panthers', but the Prairie View men would fall short of a major upset.

Prairie View stormed out the gate fast, but the Bearcats would make a push to come within six points, but Prairie View would not let up as Duwan Kornegay hit a three to take the lead to 33-18 at the 5:11 mark. It would be a battle for the rest of the half as Prairie View would lead 38-30 entering halftime.

In the second half Prairie View took a double digit lead 46-36 after Christopher scored on a lay-up with 16:37 left in the second half. However, the Bearcats of Cincinnati would roll and go on a 21-2 run. Cincinnati lead the Panthers' 57-48, Prairie View continued to fight back and make the game not only exciting but competitive throughout.

With 33 seconds left in the game Prairie View's Duwan Kornegay knocked down a three to bring the score within five, 67-62. Cincinnati's Lance Stephenson missed two free throws with 32 two seconds left in the game, but the Panthers were unable to convert on the offense end. The Bearcats closed out the game with Stephenson connecting on two clutch free throws.

Five players scored in double figures led by Darnell Huges's 16 points. Dorian McDaniel, Michael Griffin, and Kornagay threw in 11 of his own. Jones had an all-around game scoring 10 with nine rebounds and seven assists.

The crowd would go ecstatic as Prairie View's senior forward Darnell Huges drove past defenders for a smooth two points, capping off a big night with a game high of 19 points. The Panther men's basketball team did not disappoint the 2,000 plus fans in attendance at the Baby Dome as they routed the Schreiner Mountaineers 91-41 in their home opener.

Volleyball team falls to HBU Huskies

By Jessica Ferguson
Panther Staff

Last week, the Lady Panthers volleyball team closed out regular season play with a loss to Houston Baptist University.

After falling to the Huskies on their home court earlier this season, the Panthers traveled to Houston to even the score. They came out with fire in their bellies fighting for every point. The lead changed multiple times during the set but outside hitter Latoya Taylor delivered three consecutive kills that would lead the Panthers to victory. Their determination proved successful as they took the first game 25-22.

The Panthers couldn't maintain in the sets to follow. The team seemed to be falling apart as the Huskies gained point after point. In addition to the points that the Panthers handed them through errors, the Huskies came out swinging, delivering hits that the Panthers

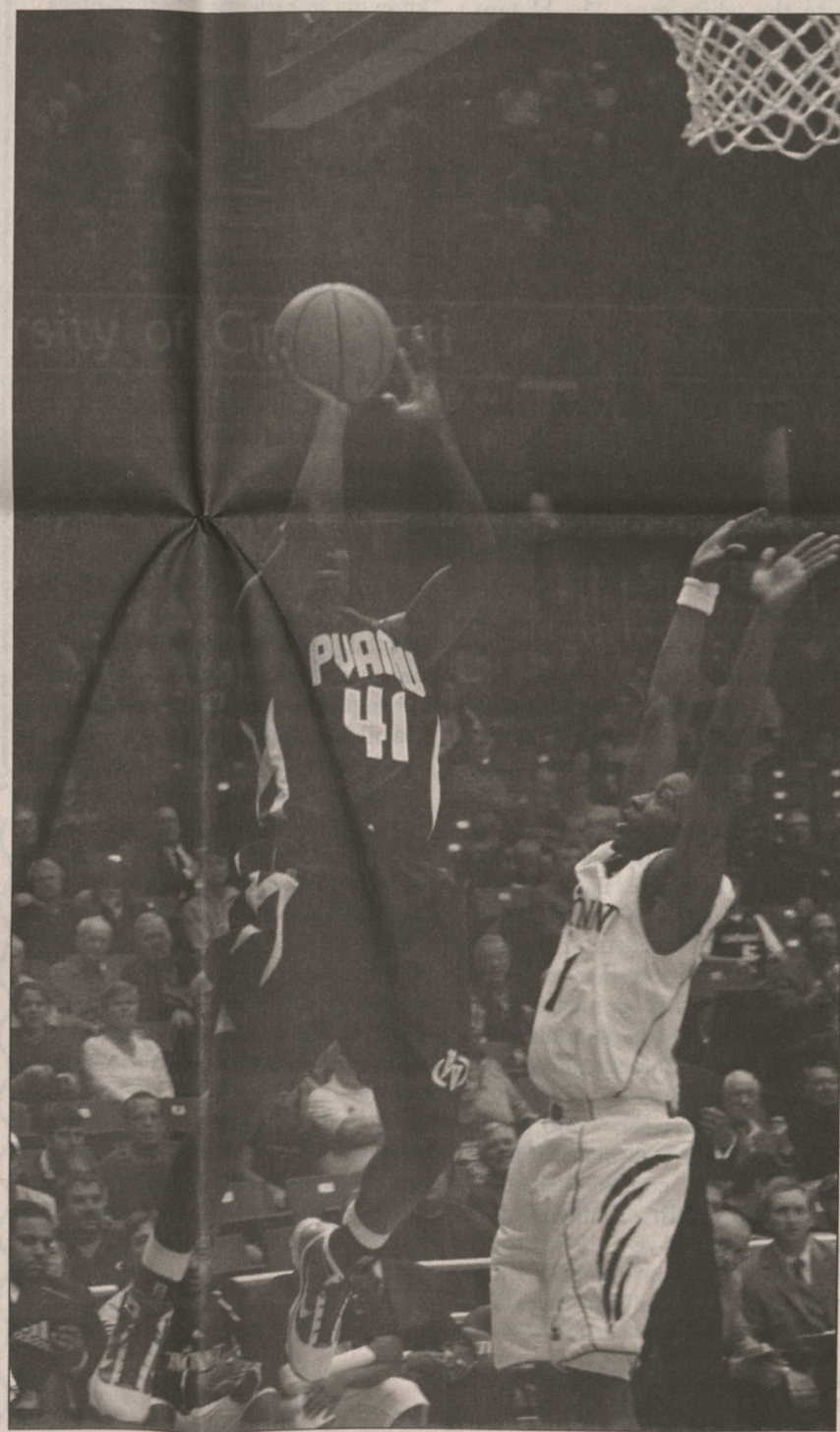
just couldn't pick up. The Panthers did get a few blocks on HBU.

The Huskies maintained control and blocked out our offense. The Panthers just couldn't land a hit with the wall of Huskies waiting on the other side. The Huskies shut the Panthers out taking the last three sets (15-25, 23-25, 20-25).

Outside hitter Cheri Lindsey who currently leads the SWAC in kills, got injured in the game and it hit the team pretty hard. Middle blocker Shaun Williams felt that the loss "showed us what we need to work on individually especially when Cheri got hurt. Picking up where she wasn't was a task because she is an amazing player."

The Lady Panthers are currently ranked 2nd in the western division of the SWAC behind the Lady Tigers of Grambling State who have gone undefeated.

Their next volleyball venture will be the SWAC tournament in Ruston, La. on the Grambling campus November 21 and 22.



Courtesy of Richard White

Almost doesn't count: Tim Meadows and the Panthers fall 69-62 to the Big East's Cincinnati Bearcats.

Lady Panthers go 1-1 to begin road trip

By Jeremy O. Malone
Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers were involved in two road contests to begin their fifth year under the leadership of head coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke. The team has been prepped and is ready to extend their SWAC reign through a fourth year.

Prairie View battled Long Beach State and Cal State Northridge, respectively.

On Nov. 13, Gatti Werema made her presence known with her 25 points and 12 rebounds against Long Beach State in California. Senior Candice Thomas also provided solid scoring as she added 18 points for the night.

Whitney Fields also gave the home team another threat to account, while she attributed in not letting Long Beach State run away with the win. She scored 23 points and dished out 10 assists. However, Prairie View would lose the hard fought game 76-68.

By Jeremy O. Malone
Panther Staff

A blocked punt recovered for a touchdown by Alcorn State's Antonio DeJarbett brought the Braves within two touchdowns with 8:46 left in the third quarter. Prairie View would kill the rally cry from Alcorn as the Panthers' would respond with a Donald Babers' touchdown run and a Brandon Bell TD catch from KJ Black. The 34-14 Panther victory would wrap up the first-ever SWAC Western Division title and a berth in the SWAC Football Championship game. Prairie View would improve their record to 7-1, 6-0 as Alcorn State record would fall to 2-6, 2-4 on the season.

Prairie View A&M traveled to Lorman, Miss., Saturday afternoon to battle Alcorn State University at Jack Spinks Stadium, but the Panthers didn't leave much imagination for who was going to win this match-up. KJ Black had another efficient game, completing 24 of 30 for 213 yards and three touchdowns. Black has been on fire since being inserted into the starting line up in the second game of the season against New Mexico State.

The Panthers would open up the game with 21-unanswered points, and steady dos of senior tight-end Marlon Allen who had a career day. Allen would bring in two touchdowns on five receptions for 44 yards. Bell would also get into the act with his third touchdown reception of the season. Prairie View would also control the ground game as Donald Babers rushed for 134-yards and a score, going over 100-yards again for the third game in a row, and the fourth time this season.

In a losing effort, Alcorn State quarterback Tim Buckley threw for one touchdown and 270 yards, yielding two interceptions in the process. Buckley and running back Arnold Walker combined for a total of 99 rushing yards. Playing from behind the entire game, wide receiver Edward Johnson racked up 141 yards on eight receptions. The Panthers dominated the Braves from start to finish, recording their seventh win on this historic season.

Prairie View is set to play their last home game of the season at Blackshear stadium against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, and then it's off to the SWAC Championship game in Birmingham on Dec. 12.

No more paychecks

As I reflect on my short stint with *The Panther*, I can honestly look back at some wonderful memories. The numerous stories, in office jokes, breaking news, lessons learned, and travels out of town - Shout out to the pro card - have all attributed to my growth, not only as a journalist, but also as a person. I pray that as I walk across that stage on Dec. 19, 2009, that I would continue to grow and make my fellow Panthers proud of my future accomplishments.

To Whitney, thank you for pushing me to become a better editor and for those 8 a.m. meetings. I love waking up early in the morning to hear you talk! Seriously, I appreciate your effort in shaping my writing skills. Stay country, because no matter what these Texans say, they can't cook better than us!

To Jackie, you were the first to start my grooming process by scratching up my articles every week. I love your diligence for this paper and how you worked hard to make sure we had error free pages. Remember, Christian Rap was meant to be played loud.

To Aaron, thank you for all those good conversations and showing the staff the proper way to not manage your facial hair. As far as your writing skills, I think your editorials speak for themselves.

To Ronald, the creator of "Las Fuentesim," you are the most creative person I have come across while at PVAMU. Thank for letting me feed off your energy. Keep extending yourself and take on new challenges, because you can do it.

To Shayna, better known as Foxiche, please keep stylin' and profilin.' You are an amazing journalist. I know you have a million ideas that you want to complete, and I know you have all the talent in the world to get them all done.

To Ryan, keep improving as an editor and a writer, because I can picture you as the head of that magazine company one day very soon. Don't you ever go to Houston on Tuesday.

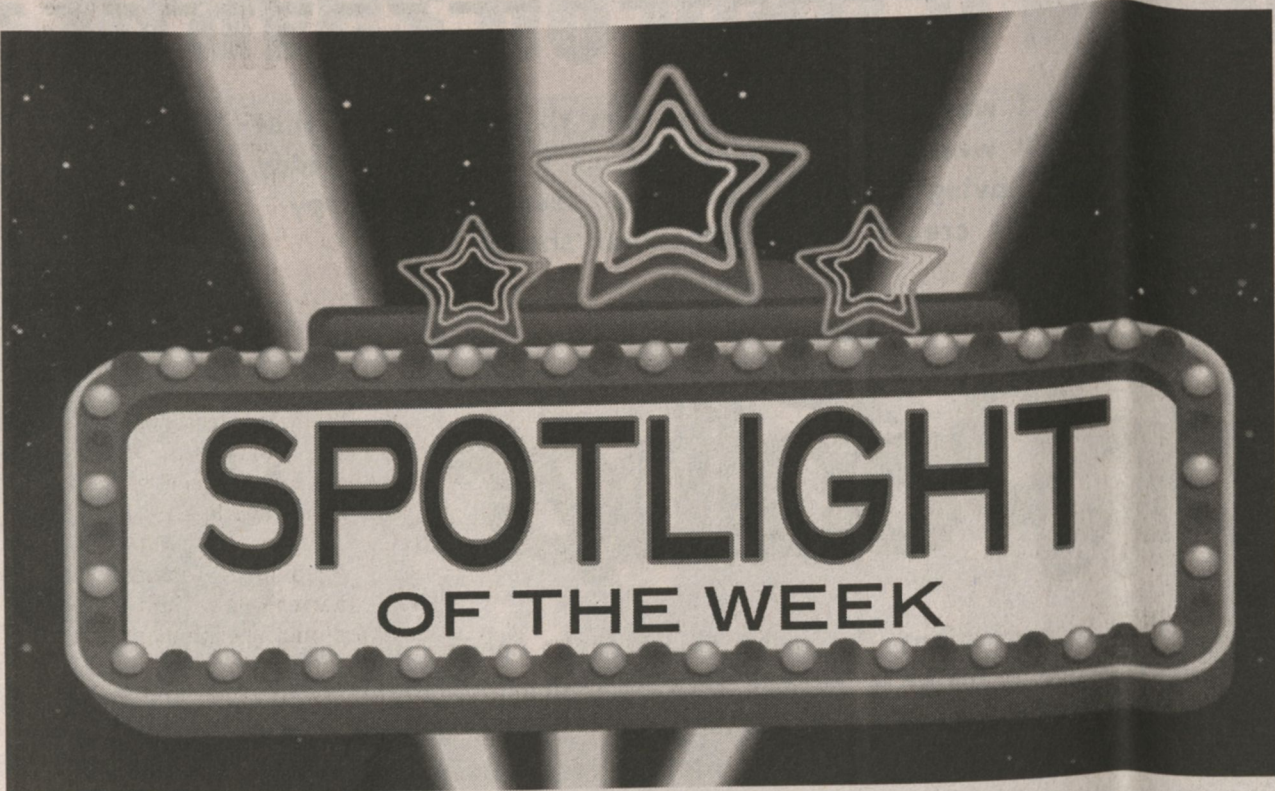
To Robert, a.k.a Tres, thank you for not being stuck in the box by thinking beyond the social norms. Keep improving your skills because I will need more free beats in the future.

To Charde, I love your personality and how you always have a smile on your face. Don't ever let anyone take that smile away from you, because it is an inspiration and a breathe of fresh air to everybody.

To Jeremy, keep that ratchet hairstyle, because when I don't have my haircut you make me feel much better. You have everything you need to be an even better sports editor then me.

To Professor Smith and the Student Activities staff, thank you for allowing me to do this job to the best of my ability.

Lionel Mosby Jr.
2008-2009 Sports Editor
"You gotta die, if you wanna Live"



Highlighting students who excel in their areas of interest

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Dallas, Texas, formally considered to be the fashion capital of the southwest and famous for its world renowned football team, the Dallas Cowboys and often referred to as the "Dirty Dirty D" has been making noise on the scene in all aspects for quite some time now. The up-and-coming underground music movement that has been on the rise in Dallas is arguably the newest and hottest thing buzzing throughout the South. With Dorrough Music and his "Prime Time Click" steadily on the rise in the industry, it seems as if they are paving the way for the

new generation of D-FW artists. Chris "Crisko" Brown, a former affiliate of "Prime Time Click," is a new rapper from the "D" who has been making efforts to put on for his city. Representing the Highland Hills district, Crisko has been on the quest to establish his lyrical presence since age 13. Crisko said, "I never really chose to rap. I was approached by DJ Titus during my sophomore year after he heard me freestyle and he asked me to get on his track named 'Do the Muscle' with Dorrough and some other members of PTC. That's how I got acquainted with Q. Smith and Norm T." Crisko originally hopped on Dorrough's mixtape titled "Get Like

Me," in which he was featured on the "Touch it Freestyle." As of late, Crisko has been on the move, while making several tracks including "Above Ya'll" featuring YD Da Man, "Home Girl," "Solar System," and his hottest hit track, "Handbag," many of which were produced by Rock Steady. Crisko is currently an affiliate of both DSF Entertainment, and LEAD Krew Nation.

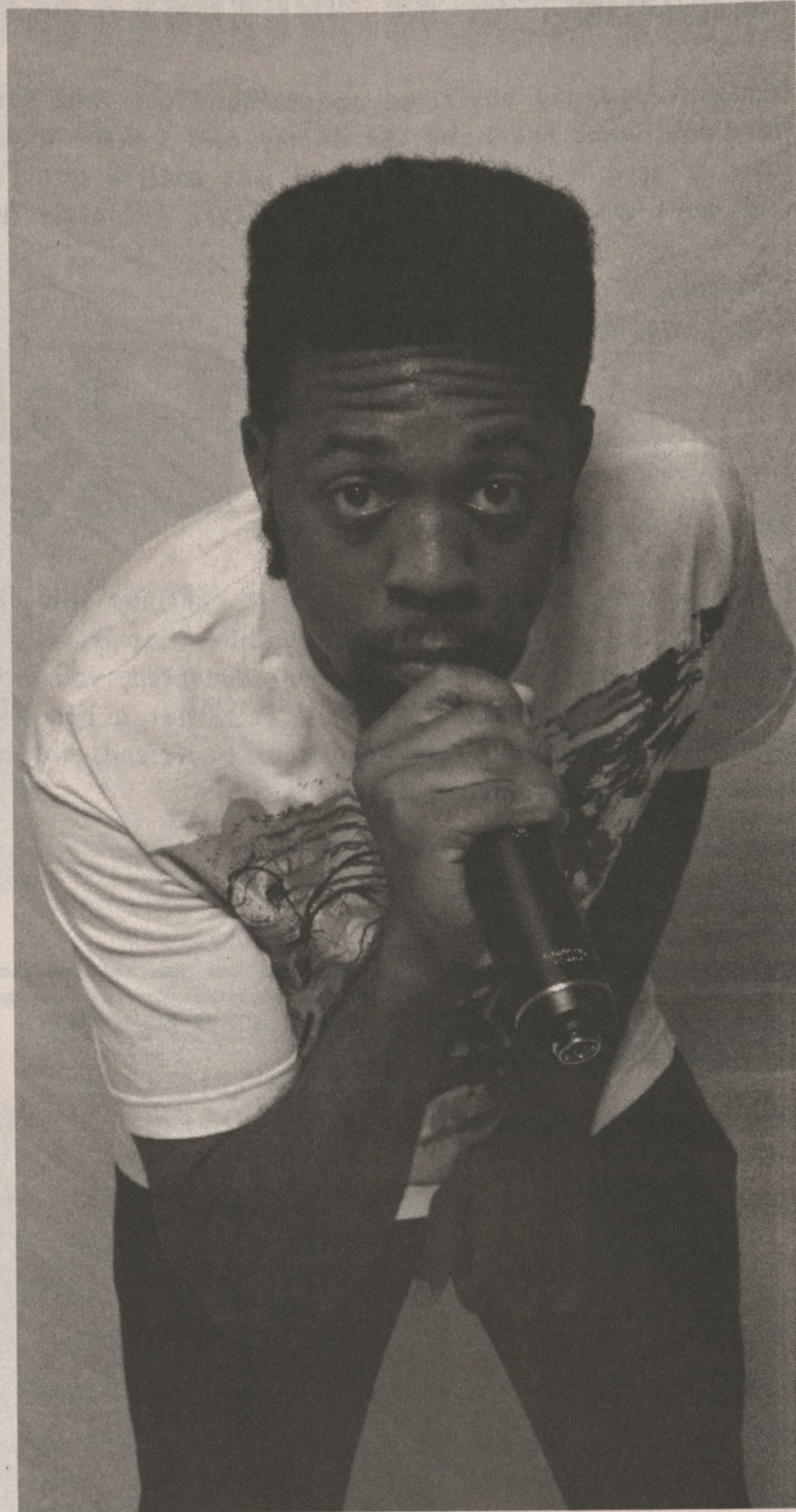
More About Crisko...

•Which Artist Inspired you most?

"Chamilloinare, he has lyrical flow. I like where he comes from. When he was with Swisher House, he had a sound that distinguished him from all others. If it weren't for him, I probably wouldn't know much about Swisher House."

•What separates your music from others?

"My originality separates my music from all others. When



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

I started out, everyone was making songs for the ladies, but they were all repetitive. My single "Handbag" brings something fresh to the table."

lax. Either I'm doing that, or I'm doing something involving my music."

•Where do you see yourself within the next five years?

"I see myself involved with making good music. I don't necessarily have to rap on my future projects, because I'm involved with all aspects of the game."

•What do you do in your spare time?

"In my spare time I like to play NBA Live and re-

Life Etiquette

Rules on Relationships

By TeneInger Abrom-Johnson
Panther Contributor

Dating is something you do not think about. If you ask me out, we go out. You do not look at the consequences behind the reasons we date. We put vain reasons to why we date (i.e., he is fine, she has good hair). I was told long ago, "Be careful who you date...they might be your mate." Think before you decide this is the person you want to be in your company in public. When you decide this is the person for you, place much thought behind that. Do you actually know anything about this person? We date to find out about the other person, but find yourselves in sticky situations after just meeting someone. What is the message that you are giving and you are searching for? Is it looks, money, security, a car, or all of the aforementioned? Remember if we are looking for those characteristics in others, what type of catch are we? You want it all in a mate, but are you willing to give at all? This will not work. You will have to be able to give and not expect anything in return. When it is all said and done love will conquer all. Love is a beautiful thing, but love will not pay a bill. We make common mistakes and fail to realize that we need to find out what we have in common with

the person who is holding our hand or who sits across the table. You may have a meal today, but can they provide a future tomorrow? Think about Tomorrow, not just today. Find out if you are on the same page and do not be afraid of updating that checklist on a regular basis. Relationships are not always 50/50 so we have to know what we can take and what is not acceptable. It is safe to say you will not always be on the receiving end of the love. What are you capable of giving? Please remember honesty is always the rule of thumb. Maintaining an open and honest relationship will foster greater respect for you and your mate. Do not allow yourself to be a doormat. This applies to men as well as women. You educate yourself, you take care of yourself, you love yourself. Love yourself enough not to settle for anything less than what you are truly worth.



Truth about HIV/AIDS

By Silvester Robinson
Panther Staff

How much do you know about HIV and AIDS? Wikipedia defines Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) as a lentivirus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), a condition in humans in which the immune system begins to fail, leading to life-threatening opportunistic infections. There are many HIV and AIDS myths out there. HIV and AIDS myths are dangerous and

contribute to prejudice and stigma. HIV is a virus that is transmitted from person to person through the exchange of body fluids such as blood, semen, breast milk and vaginal secretions. Sexual contact is the most common way to spread HIV/AIDS, but it can also be transmitted by sharing needles when injecting drugs, or during childbirth and breastfeeding. As HIV/AIDS reproduces, it damages the body's immune system and the body becomes susceptible to illness and infection. There is no

known cure for HIV infection. AIDS is among the leading causes of death in people 20 to 34 years old. Safer sex means making decisions about sex that will lower your risk of HIV. Use a new latex condom each time you have vaginal, anal or oral sex. You can get tested for HIV through your local health department, doctor's office, or public testing sites. Many public testing centers, family planning centers and clinics offer free or low-cost testing. For further information call (936) 261-1400 or visit the Owens-Franklin Health Center located on campus and speak with Gregory Rose.

If you were in Foster Care
and would like to meet others like you, we invite you to:
FOSTER CARE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

November 23, 2009

5:00-7:00 PM

Panther Room @ University College

DINNER WILL BE SERVED

Guest Speaker:

STAR Health Representative

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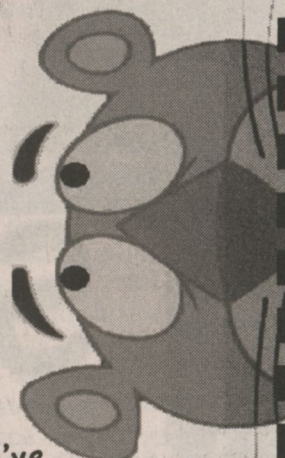
Dear Dr. Panther,

A month ago, my boyfriend and I found out that I was pregnant and I was so afraid to lose him that I assumed that he didn't want the baby. So on my own I went and got an abortion. A week later he surprised me with a giant teddy bear dressed in baby clothes and was excited about the possibility of having a son. I have never seen him so happy and don't want to tell him. I have even purposely gained some weight to create the illusion What should I do?

Sincerely,

-No Bun In the Oven

Ask Dr. Panther



Dear No Bun In the Oven,

I really don't know how you plan to continue this charade. What is your plan? Eat a bunch of fatty foods until you've gained 30lbs and then announce to him that it was just gas? You are creating a façade that is impossible to continue. In an era where pro-choice is still accepted, you did what you felt you needed to do. I have no personal opinion on the choice per se, but you must have felt that a life with a baby just was not in the best interest for someone your age. You don't need a baby to keep your boyfriend, but a lie will surely send him packing. Ditch the lie and keep your man. Move on and learn from this.

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Respectfully,

Dr. Panther

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ROBERT'S REVIEWS



★★★★

The material Jazzy Jeff had to work with was pretty rock solid to begin with, there's great blends and mixes with artists like Pete Rock and Kriss Kross

on "You've got a Winner." There's more Jackson 5 material than expected but I still love the chronological journey through the Jackson catalog. Mixing it up was a good thing. Quincy Jones talking about Michael was also a good look.

This is a good tribute to the King of Pop from a hip-hop perspective, considering it was free for anyone who chose to download it, you can't really beat that.



★★★★

Lil Wayne's "No Ceilings" is a pretty good mixtape. It's not what I expected, but it's better than some of rappers' albums. To me all the "Drought" mixtapes were better be-

cause he sounded like he had hunger to record more tracks. I would like to hear the Weezy who went hard on every track, I'm tired of hearing his "crying" and "begging." However, he did choose some nice beats to do remixes to, like "Wasted," "D.O.A.," and "I Think I Love Her," just to name a few. Overall, the mixtape is one to nod your head to in the car, but lacks lyrical creativity.

Tweet of the Week



DJMikeNike Muwhaha RT @RdotSmith: Soooo people gettin mad now cuz @thepanther_news is ruffling feathers...hmmm we only provide facts kids

Find five differences
between the pictures



ADORE YOU

I wanted to be with u but i found myself discouraged lacking courage tried to build it up and got too nervous too nervous to think correctly i couldn't gather my words my words failed me, but speechlessness for me is just absurd

absurd is what i be thinkin everytime i see your face cuz your face can illuminate and brighten up any place any place where sun won't shine, your warm smile can fill the space and the space that's in my heart is for you to come take your place

take your place and i'll embrace what you give me with all my strength my strength comes from what you give me as a lover and a friend, a friend that's more than a friend, a lover without a limit is what i will be to you, much more than you can envision.

envision what we can be, just look at it like a TV and my heart's the remote control, you should change it to me and believe me its plain to see how i feel its real for you and never could i ignore you because i truly adore you.

Ryan Versey

Unscramble each of the clue words. Then copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

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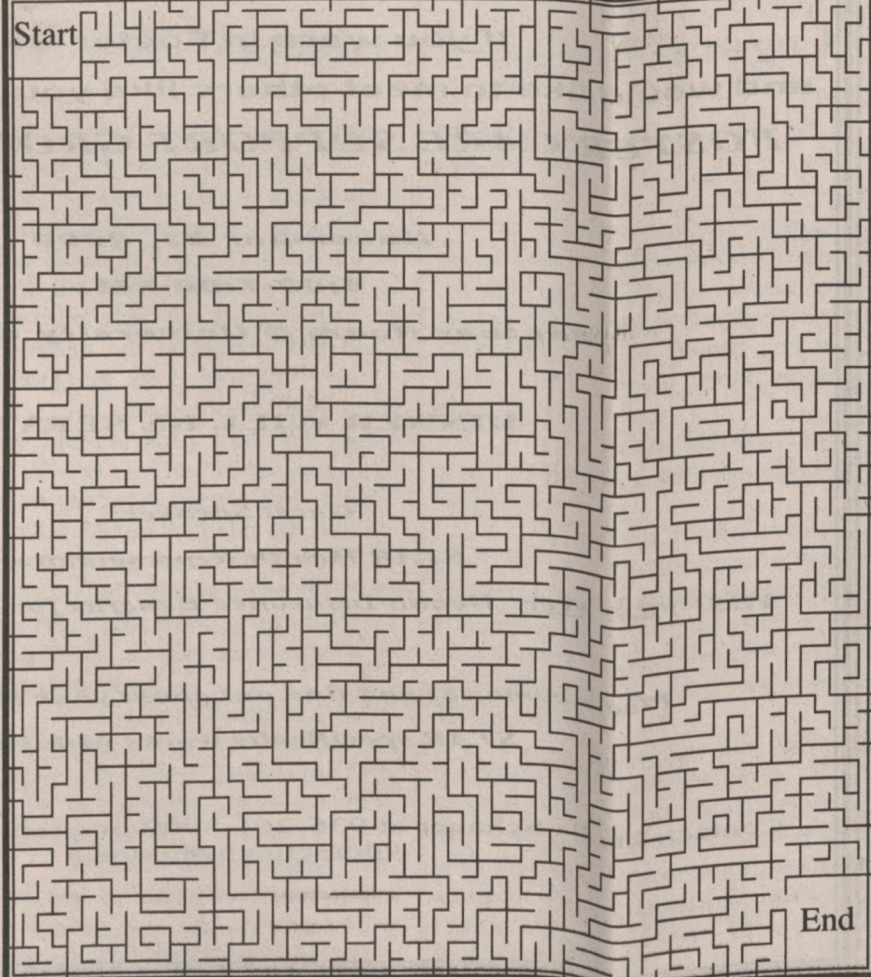
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Pushing Precious

The film "Precious" finally comes to Houston

By Jessica Ferguson
Panther Staff

Realistic sometimes to the point that it's hard to watch, the movie "Precious" is a story of a life of misery for a young teenage girl that really depicts the idea that "every cloud has a silver lining."

Precious, played by Hollywood newcomer Gabourey Sidibe, is a 16-year-old girl growing up in 1987 Harlem while pregnant with her second child. Both of her children have been fathered by her own father who raped her. She is overweight, uneducated, and has no social life. She has been put down at home by her very own mother Mary, played by Mo'Nique, who abuses her and makes her feel like nothing. Mary tries to persuade Precious to drop out of school and get on the government's welfare program as she has because she believes that Precious can't amount to

anything more.

Because of her pregnancy, she is forced to attend a special-needs school where she is given a glimpse of hope through her teacher Ms. Rain, played by Paula Patton. Rain helps Precious to discover that she can do more with her life than what her mother tells her, so even though Precious believes that she is good at absolutely nothing, Rain brings out the talents that lie within.

Her caseworker, played by a raw, unleashed Mariah Carey, also takes a pure interest in Precious's case. She not only looks at the situation as she would all others, but she takes a stand for Precious and does what is right on her behalf.

You may look for a huge turn-around like a chance at college or a professional job for Precious, but that's something you won't find. Instead, she is offered the opportunity to do things that some of us take for granted; like reading or writing and getting placed at a half-way house to escape the pains of home. Naturally, we expect things to go farther because this is what usually happens in most other movies like "Coach Carter."

The skills and chances that she is afforded are just enough for her at the time that is presented in the movie. She gained a chance to really live.

Although it may be hard to view because of the graphic nature in which the issues are presented, it is a must see. Director Lee Daniels really pushed the envelope in order to expose just how prevalent domestic violence and abuse is in inner city areas.

Not only should you go watch the movie, but take some time out and read "Push" by Sapphire which is what the movie is based on. Domestic abuse is real.

Panthers show out for BET College Tour

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Students flooded the yard with fun and excitement on Nov. 13, as the 2009 BET Black College Tour made its last stop in Prairie View, Texas.

This year's tour was hosted by BET's Herkules, a disc jockey from Washington D.C.'s hit radio station WPGC 95.5 and Sirius XM radio channel "Heat," and Alesha Renee, who is the former host of "BET NOW" and "The Student Center." Participating in the tour for the fifth consecutive year, Renee's level of excitement appeared to be parallel to the students.

Renee said, "Hosting the black college tour is what I consider to be one of the better perks of being with BET. I went to University of Houston, so I always enjoy coming home and I also enjoy working with HBCUs, because I can look out into the crowd and see the excitement on the students' faces. It's a great experience to be involved in something so positive."

Michelle Garner, vice president of consumer engagement for BET Networks, said, "The support that we extend to the black colleges is a reciprocal for the viewership that we receive from the students attending black colleges. The purpose of the tour is to expose students to different

opportunities through the activities that we have available."

Students spent the afternoon parlaying around the yard, while interacting and participating in the scheduled events. Several booths were set up, including Def Jam, Microsoft, U.S. Air Force, Sierra Mist, and Verizon Wireless. When visiting the booths, students were enlightened about internships and other job opportunities. As part of the "Wrap-It-Up" Tour, BET also set up a booth where students could be tested and educated on the importance of practicing safe sex.

In addition to the many booths that were assembled, students also had the opportunity to sign up and participate in the major events that BET brings along every year, which included a singing competition, freestyle competition, 3 point shootout, and two-on-two basketball tournament. The usual spoken word poetry contest was replaced by the "Drop That Beat Competition," in which samples from different songs were played for a few seconds, and participants had to name the artist and the song's title.

Freshman vocal performance major Desiree Washington from Houston, Texas was the winner of the singer's spotlight competition. The Drop That Beat

Competition was won by freshman nursing major Deanna Lee. By displaying his creativity and lyrical presence on the microphone, junior history major Bradford Traywick won the freestyle competition and the Best Buy gift card prize that was included as the reward.

Traywick said, "It was fun. Many people don't know this, but freestyling is actually one of my hobbies. My fellow participants were very fun to compete against."

After Traywick's victory, the audience was treated to a performance by Kelci and Taylah P. from the up-and-coming duet Vistoso Bosses, who performed their hit single "Delerious." Slip-N-Slide's Triple C's also dropped in to perform a couple of their newest singles.

The last events of the afternoon took place on the court. After showcasing his jump shot, Darnell Dixon, a freshman accounting major from building 48, won the 3-pt shootout contest. After Dixon won the shootout, Terrell Cowherd and senior civil engineering major Lanton Mario teamed up and won the 2-on-2 tournament.

Junior mass communications major Dejuan Kenney said, "I appreciate BET coming out to break the normal class cycle and offering us a chance to enjoy the numerous activities that they delivered to us today."

By Jessica Ferguson
Panther Staff

Baptist Student Movement held its annual fall musical themed "Remembering the Past... Headed Towards the Future" on Nov. 11 in the All-Faiths Chapel.

The event kicked off with the master of ceremony PVAMU alumnus Rudy Knight, who posed as Kirk Franklin. Knight set the atmosphere for the musical with an opening prayer. Jessica Simmons, the face behind the event, as well her praise and worship singers stood before the crowd to sing songs and get the crowd involved, a prelude of what was to come. The audience was reminded that "we're blessed" and asked to release all negativity that was within them. From there the mood was set to worship the Lord.

Knight then came back to open the first half of the event which was a tribute to the '90s. This part highlighted the gospel that most of Prairie View's students have grown up on mainly Kirk Franklin and his various groups. BSM came forth and sang four selections including "Total Praise" and "Jesus Is Real." The audience sat in awe as "Total Praise" was played on the cornet. After the solo, the choir joined in. The audience stood up and got into the praise. Voices were sounding everywhere in the chapel.

BSM then took their seats to yield the choir stand to Michael Dixon and VisZion who sang in tribute to Franklin. They sang their own renditions of favorites from the 90s decade: "Lovely Day," "Melodies from Heaven," and "Silver and Gold" to name a few. VisZion closed by encouraging the audience, letting them know that whatever you are going through "it's over now."

Knight announced an intermission like no other. We are accustomed to intermissions in which

we are able to leave and nothing is going on. There were acts in place during intermission and if you were to leave you would miss out on a treat. During intermission BSM Praise Dance Ministry, the UC Gospel Choir and PV Mime performed. The mime ministry had the crowd moved, some even in tears, as they performed to "The Blood." It was a reminder that no matter what our situation may be, God still has the power to help us overcome.

Everyone gathered to prepare for part II of the performance: 2000 & Beyond. This half started off with a surprise performance by Mary Mary and KiKi Sheard, or three women playing the roles of them, singing "It's the God In Me" which can be heard on hip hop and gospel stations alike. BSM then went on to sing a few more selections before they knew that God had made his presence and mission clear.

People throughout the chapel had their hands raised toward the heavens, tears streaming down their faces, overwhelmed with emotion. There was a distinct presence in this place. Everyone continued to sing, sending up praises for blessings that many admitted "we are not worthy of."

Senior Lenesha Jones said that she "was moved by songs and it felt like being at my church home so I really enjoyed it."

Soon, there was a large group of students standing around the altar in response to a calling for all who felt as if they weren't prepared to face God if death came upon them at that very moment. For many it was a simple reminder that God still reigns in everything we do and everywhere we go.

Students are faced with many worldly temptations while in college and many of them lose sight of God after entering the college world. This event gave all of those who had fallen short a chance to let God know that he is still in control.

Yearbook Picture Day!!!!

Sophomores: Wednesday, November 18
Juniors/Seniors: Thursday, November 19
Make-up Day: Monday, November 23

Where: MSC Student Lounge (2nd Floor)
Time: 11:00am-3:00pm
Bring your PVAMU ID



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

You need to know!!!



You will not be allowed to early register IF:

- 1) you have a 'D', 'F', or 'U' in a Developmental class for midterm;
- 2) You owe money for fees, parking tickets, health center charges, library fines, etc.

Need to Take or Re-take THEA? Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick THEA testing schedule or call 936-261-3610.

Several UC students took a field trip on Nov. 17 to visit Giddings State School thanks to Ms Jones, Ms Bankett and Mr Jessie Davis.

Building 43 PA Ms Spates/Mr Roberson and LCC Mr Green send "Shout Outs": Golf kudos to Randwahr Anderson, Community Service salutes to Kristofer Shaw, and employment congrats to Skyler Clemmons.

Building 40 Academic Superstar-Biology Major Ashley Williams!! Your PA Ms Bankett and LCC Ms Jordan are proud of you.

Building 41 PA Ms Fulton and LCC Ms Moss hosted a seminar presented by their Faculty Fellow, Dr Freddie Frazier on Wed, Nov 4. Those who attended learned how to think about Math. Thank you Dr Frazier!!



1. Who was the girl who got slid at the back of the parking lot of the MSC last Friday?
2. "So we pulling hair Bro"?
3. How do you go fight someone for revenge and get slid a second time?
4. Haven't they heard 'fool me once shame on you, fool me twice shame on me'?
5. Who was the Omega charging up The Panther staff?
6. Doesn't he know there is a disclaimer at the bottom of 20 Questions?
7. Maybe he should be more concerned with the non Omegas "rooing" to the Brahs?
8. Who is the random guy who did a hit and run on Drake?
9. Who is more embarrassed, the guy who hit and ran, or Drake for being knocked down by one punch?
10. Who all saw Eta Gamma shirts on randoms in Brookside this weekend?
11. Aren't the so called Alpha prospects getting a little out of hand?
12. Where is the Greek respect?
13. Who told the non-Alphas it was OK to strut at different schools?
14. Don't they know they are not Alphas?
15. Who was the Popeye's employee fighting his manager?
16. So who all saw "Precious"?
17. Who else was expecting more after reading the book?
18. Is Mo'Niques' performance not Oscar worthy?
19. What will the football team do when their good "lucky charm" graduates?
20. What do you think?

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